

Hints



For a Yuletide Bazaar

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Among artists a certain tone of color is called "Yuletide" and they studiously avoid these colors. That's all right for artists, but when it's Christmas—one just can't get away from red and green together. They are the colors of the season, and one has to use them. In arranging for a Christmas bazaar, it would be quite possible to use a number of other colors besides red and green. Why not start with the rainbow for your color scheme and carry that out, assigning to each booth one color and combining white to be combined with their place in this plan, but side by side.

Picture a Church Room
A pleasant large room in one place to mind. It has a fireplace in one corner, and the wall is a sort of counterpane which things can be passed from the kitchen.

The entrance is opposite.

One were to start with violet in the candy booth, blue for the toy booth, green would be the color for the group around the north.

Then would come yellow, which might be assigned to a box booth, then orange for the umbrellas. Red could be used for household wares. We have pur-

boxes. There are large boxes decorated with wallpaper on the floor, outside, and piled up are smaller holiday boxes.

Set on One's Dresser
There are painted wooden boxes, one or two with mirrors inside the cover. The mirror boxes have hinged lids and are set on one's dresser. Then there is no end of adorable small boxes, and even a tray or two. Well, we will be back, because after we've selected a few gifts we will have to have a pretty box for sending them in.

Next comes the embroidery booth with a pleasant background of orange. How pretty the linens look against it, and the black sateen aprons and house dresses! Besides all the linens, bridge sets, lunch sets, guest towels and tea towels, there is a pile of bag, bags for every possible use. And what do these gay bright colors in felt compose? Oh, to be sure, it is a holder for a hot handle on a teapot. The shape is a parrot and he has fine red wings and a green tail, with a yellow head and shoe buttons for eyes. The parrots will not last long, for every one is buying them.

Cakes and Preserves
As we pass to the next booth we grow hungry again, for here are cakes and preserves, with red and white for their background color. Small jars of preserves are arranged in a box for a gift, each with its white cap and label. A basket for an invalid is a good idea, with fruit cake in a gay tin box, small jars of preserves, a box of fancy cookies and some candied fruit, all nicely wrapped. And the cakes—well, you know how thrillingly Dickens can write of foods—well, only Dickens could do justice to these cakes.

Next we come to the household booth, where all sorts of novelties are for sale. There are ever so many serviceable articles made of pebbled oil cloth with painted designs.

There are aluminum treasures of all kinds—a painted salt and pepper set, painted spice sets, a crumb tray and scraper, measuring spoons, cookie cutter—well, surely one can select gifts for most any member of the family at this booth. Orange has been festively used for the booth, with bows and streamers, and you have no idea how frivolous a cake tin feels with an orange sash tied about its waist, with flying ends.

Hungry Once More

This brings us back to the entrance, but we have no intention of leaving. For just beyond is the candy booth, and we are hungry again. So we will buy some to eat and some to send away. Violet is the color here, and it has been used most effectively. Every one has brought out their favorite recipes, and most delicious concoctions have resulted. The boxes to send away have been thoughtfully arranged, and if truth were told, some of these bought with the best sort of gift intention will never get farther than home, and there at home—well, it is strange the trick candy has of evaporating.

There is wild excitement next door, and we must see why. There's a grab bag for the youngsters, that's one reason, and toy balloons are being sold, that's another. Blue is the official color for this booth, but balloons just had to be different, and we like the way they have been tied to the top of the booth and are flying about in a most carefree manner.

Booth of Baby Things
At one end of the booth is a section for baby things, and the other end sells toys. We shall have to see all the cunning baby things, tiny dresses, bibs, knitted jackets, and, of course, all kinds of rattles, quite properly made of eatable materials (that is, the paint will not come off). Baby will like best of all to sample that interesting object that rattles so fascinatingly. A plan for a bazaar can include many more booths, and other ideas for things that will sell quickly. This plan is a rather simple one, through which the Yuletide spirit must freely run to make it that success it should be.

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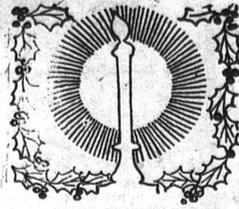
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